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List Identifies Illegal Service Providers in Several Texas Cities

Complete TDLR list available online

AUSTIN – The Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation has released the newest list of people who are no longer authorized to perform or offer to perform licensed services in Texas.

The orders represent actions taken since December by TDLR's Executive Director, Brian Francis, and the Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation to safeguard consumers and protect public health and safety.

Among the types of violations that would cause a license to be revoked or that would cause TDLR to issue a cease and desist order or a permanent injunction: performing services without having the appropriate license, making false statements to obtain a license, engaging in fraudulent activity or being convicted of a criminal offense that directly relates to the duties and responsibilities of the licensed occupation.

The respondents in the cities listed below are not authorized to perform, or offer to perform, licensed services in Texas. Please see https://www.tdlr.texas.gov/safeguardingconsumers.htm for additional details on each action.

Licenses Revoked

License Type	Location
Barber	San Antonio, Dallas
Cosmetology	Pharr, El Paso, DeSoto, Eagle Pass
Electrician	Houston, San Antonio, New Caney, Austin,
	Magnolia, Mission, Mesquite, San Antonio
Massage Therapy	Dallas, Alief, Katy, Houston, Austin
Mold Remediators & Assessors	Fort Worth, San Antonio
Tow Operator	El Paso, Stafford, League City,
Tow Operator/Tow Company	Corpus Christi, Houston

Cease and Desist Orders

License Type	Location
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Air Conditioning & Refrigeration	Brownsville, Houston, Manor, Mission, Lubbock,
	Penitas
Electrical Contractor	Edinburg, El Paso, Houston, McAllen, Port Isabel,
	Weslaco
Tow Company/Tow Operator	Corpus Christi, Fort Worth, Hillsboro

"Whether it's a revocation, cease and desist order, or permanent injunction, people working in professions and industries without the proper license can pose a risk to your health, your safety, and your wallet. Always check with TDLR first to make sure the person you hire is on the level," Francis said. "The Safeguarding Consumers webpage is one way we can help ensure the safety of consumers and protect small businesses that are complying with state laws."

TDLR maintains a public list so that consumers can protect themselves against using unlicensed service providers. To see ALL violations, including license revocations, suspensions, and fines, search TDLR's Administrative Orders database (https://www.tdlr.texas.gov/cimsfo/fosearch.asp).

To report unlicensed activity, file a complaint online: https://www.tdlr.texas.gov/complaints/.

About TDLR

TDLR provides regulatory oversight for a broad range of occupations, businesses, facilities, and equipment in Texas. The agency protects the health and safety of Texans by ensuring they are served by qualified, licensed professionals. Inspections of individuals, businesses, and equipment are done on a regular basis to safeguard the public. Currently, the agency regulates 39 business and occupational licensing programs with more than 800,000 licensees across the state.

Visit TDLR's <u>website</u> for more information and resources. You can search the <u>TDLR licensee database</u>, and also find <u>past violations</u> in which a final order was issued against companies or individuals. TDLR's Customer Service line is available anytime between 7 a.m. until 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, at 1-800-803-9202. TDLR representatives are fluent in English, Spanish, Vietnamese, Korean and Chinese.

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